

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PANAMA 05772 251804Z

60

ACTION ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-07 L-03 NSC-10 CIAE-00 DODE-00

INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-04 RSC-01 USIA-15 PRS-01 SPC-03

SAL-01 DRC-01 AID-20 /097 W
----- 077097

R 251728Z OCT 73

FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8883

INFO GOV PANCANAL

USCINCSO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PANAMA 5772

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, P, PQ

SUBJ: ASSEMBLY DELEGATES VISIT ZONE AS "ACT OF SOVEREIGNTY"

REF: PANAMA A-912

SUMMARY: A GOP NEWSPAPER HAS REPORTED VISIT TO THE CANAL ZONE BY GROUP OF ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES. ALTHOUGH THE VISIT WAS DESCRIBED AS AN ASSERTION OF SOVEREIGNTY, NO OFFICIAL MEETINGS OR GOVERNMENT BUSINESS WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CARRIED ON DURING THE VISIT. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, THE GOP-CONTROLLED NEWSPAPER MATUTINO GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE OF VISIT BY DELEGATES OF THE ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CORREGIMIENTOS TO SITES IN THE CANAL ZONE THE PREVIOUS SATURDAY, DESCRIBING VISIT AS ASSERTION OF PANAMANIAN SOVEREIGNTY.

2. THE DELEGATES OF THE ASSEMBLY, WHICH IS NOW IN ITS ANNUAL SESSION, VISITED THE MIRAFLORES LOCKS, THE SUMMIT GARDENS, AND OTHER SITES BEFORE CONCLUDING THEIR EXCURSION AT THE HOME OF FELLOW DELEGATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PANAMA 05772 251804Z

HERMELINDA FUENTES, WHO RESIDES IN THE PACIFIC SECTOR

OF THE ZONE.

3. FUENTES REPORTEDLY TOLD HER COLLEAGUES THAT "YOU ARE WITNESSING A COMPLETE NORTH AMERICAN SOCIALISM IN WHICH...THE PANAMANIAN LIVE IN A SECTOR APART FROM THE NORTH AMERICANS AND APART FROM THE PANAMANIAN FROM THE REST OF THE REPUBLIC." A DELEGATE FROM REMOTE BOCAS DEL TORO PROVINCE RESPONDED, SAYING "ON PASSING THROUGH THESE STREETS WE ARE FILLED WITH PATRIOTISM, BECAUSE THEY ARE IN FOREIGN HANDS AND WE SHOULD RECOVER THEM."

4. COMMENT: ON SEPTEMBER 4, LT. COL. RUBEN PAREDES WITH VARIOUS COLON LOCAL OFFICIALS MADE AN "OFFICIAL" VISIT TO THE ATLANTIC SECTOR OF THE CANAL ZONE, MEETING WITH PANAMANIAN RESIDENTS OF THE CANAL ZONE AT THE HOME OF THE OTHER ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE RESIDING IN THE ZONE (SEE REFAIR). IN CONTRAST TO THE NEWSPAPER TREATMENT OF THE PAREDES VISIT, THE STORIES THIS TIME DESCRIBE THE VISIT AS ASSERTION OF SOVEREIGNTY BUT MAKE NO INFERENCE THAT "OFFICIAL" MEETINGS HAD BEEN HELD OR BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE ZONE.
SAYRE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973PANAMA05772
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: PANAMA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731012/aaaaaiop.tel
Line Count: 84
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: PANAMA A-912
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <23-Jan-2002 by martinjw>; APPROVED <13 FEB 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ASSEMBLY DELEGATES VISIT ZONE AS "ACT OF SOVEREIGNTY"
TAGS: PFOR, PN, PQ
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005